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1. THERE ARE NO EVENTS IN IRAQ DURING PERIOD JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 THAT USINT RECOMMENDS FOR US PARTICIPATION.

2. USINT E-C OFFICER HAS JUST MADE FORST OF ABOUT TEN OBLIGATORY APPEARANCES AT BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL FAIR (OCTOBER 1 - 21 EACH YEAR) TO ATTEND "NATIONAL" DAY AND OTHER RECEPTIONS AT PAVILIONS, ETC. WILL WRITE UP DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION OF THIS FAIR AT ITS CONCLUSION. SO FAR HAVE SEEN ALLIS-CHALMERS AND BIG DUTCHMAN DISPLAYS AND HANDFUL OF EASTERN AND IS PERMITTED BY GOI TO GO INTO BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN OCTOBER 1976, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE STELLAR ATTRACTION--AS GENERAL IMPRESSION IS OF A STATIC, PONDEROUS, PASSIVE PRESENTATION. (BIG DUTCHMAN, HOWEVER, HAS GOOD 40 MINUTE MOVIE WITH IRAQI ARABIC SOUND TRACK AND MANY MOVING DISPLAYS). OPINION IS DIVIDED AMONG WESTERN COMMERCIAL ATTACHES

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ABOUT PURELY COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF FAIR. BUT

THE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS GIVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY
FOR US DIPLOMATS AND BUSINESSMEN TO MEET SENIOR AND
MID-LEVEL GOI OFFICIALS AND IRAQI PRIVATE SECTOR
PROFESSIONALS AND MANUFACTURERS. BELIEVE STATE, USDOC,
USDA AND USIA WOULD, THEREFORE, DO WELL TO MARK DOWN
1976 BAGHDAD FAIR AS A STRONG "MAYBE" ON THEIR CALENDARS
AT LEAST FOR COMMERCIAL PRESENCE PARTICIPATION, POSSIBLY
WITH USDA MAKING 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE INPUT TO
THEMES.
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